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SUBJ: INCREASED SYRIAN AND ISRAELI MILITARY PREPAREDNESS

1. ISRAELI PRESS APR 4 CARRIES BRIEF ARTICLES
SUMMARIZING STATE OF PREPAREDNESS FOR POSSIBLE RENEWAL
OF FIGHTING NO NORTHERN FRONT.

2. EMB TRANSLATION OF MAARIV ARTICLE (UNNECESSARY
WORDS OMITTED) FOLLOWS: QUOTE. IDF HAS REINFORCED
ITS POSITIONS IN NORTH AND INTENSIFIED ITS
STATE OF ALERT OVER PASSOVER IN VIEW OF SYRIAN INTENTIONS
TO TAKE OFFENSIVE ACTION ON NORTHERN FRONT. OBSERVATION FROM
ISRAELI POSITIONS SHOWS THAT SYRIANS ARE PREPARING FOR
ESCALATION. THEY ARE EVACUATING VILLAGES NEAR LINE TO THE
REAR, IN SPITE OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED, AND PREPARATIONS
FOR WAR ARE BEING MADE IN VILLAGES SOUTH AND EAST OF THE SALIENT.
THERE ARE CLEAR SIGNS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY: SYRIAN HELICOPTERS
ARE SEEN FLYING NEAR THE FRONT-- APPARENTLY SENIOR OFFICERS ARE
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INSPECTING FRONTLINE UNITS. LONG-RANGE 180MM GUNS HAVE

BEEN BROUGHT UP TO THE FRONT. IN SPITE OF TENSION, WHICH
INCREASES AS HOLIDAY COMES NEARER, GOLAN HEIGHTS SETTLEMENTS
AND IDF UNITS ARE CONTINUING TO PREPARE FOR PASSOVER. SETTLEMENT
DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS WILL PERMIT RELATIVES OF SETTLERS TO VISIT
FOR HOLIDAY. TOURISTS-- LOCAL OR FOREIGN-- WILL NOT BE ALLOWED
ON THE HEIGHTS. UNQUOTE.

3. BRIEF ITEM IN YADOT AHARONOT ADDS THAT IDF HAS COMPLETED
ITS REINFORCING OPERATIONS IN THE NORTH.
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